push up production costs" regarding higher energy consumption in fertilizer plants set up in collaboration with Snam Progetti; and

(b) the energy consumption in such plants in comparison to other similar plants of similar capacity manufactured in collaboration of different companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The current energy consumption in ammonia plants set up in collaboration with Haldor Topsoe and the plant set up in collaboration with M.W. Kellogg is given below:—

Plants set up with Haldor Topsoe technology	Energy consumption (in million Kilo calories per tonne of ammonia)	Plant set up with M W Kellogg technology	Energy consumption (in million Kilo calories per tonne of ammonia)
Thal	8.78	Hazira	8.802
Vijaipur	9.01		
Aonla	7.54		

Non remittance of income/sales tax dues by NCCF.

2651. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Regional Manager (West) and Controller of Finance and Accounts of NCCF wilfully avoided remittance of income/sale tax dues as per Government rules in 1979-80 forcing Government to lodge punitive action to realise the due amount; and

(b) whether Government have initiated disciplinary action against the officer(s) regarding this deliberate and wilful neglect of Government provisions?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) The income-tax authorities assessed tax liability of NCCF in 1984 for the accounts of the year 1979-80 ignoring their claim for losses. Subsequently, the income-tax Appellate Tribunal allowed the appeal of NCCF and an amount of Rs. 17 lakhs so paid became refundable. Obviously, there was no wilful avoidance of payment of taxes on the part of the NCCF.

Sales tax are being paid by the respective branches of NCCF and no default in the matter has come to the notice of the HQs.

(b) Does not arise.

Sale of Janata Toilet soap in Bombay by NCCF

2652. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government assigned role of distribution of Janata Toilet soap, a highly subsidized item, to NCCF through member cooperatives in Bombay for Public Distribution;

(b) whether large quantity of the said item (worth Rs. 10 lacs) was diverted by the concerned Regional Manager and Branch Manager of Bombay to private trade through non-member stores and the manufacturers also complained repeatedly; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken against the responsible officers and, if not, the reasons therefor?